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New Basel Newsletter

**OCTOBER 2026**

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Election season. Yay.

Perhaps the reason, or at least part of the reason, Americans have found ourselves in the position we are in is because we forgot. We forgot that the Bible is not something to be opened when searching for validation of our preconceived ideas. It is not something to be consulted when trying to prove ourselves to be right. Nor is it something to be ignored when it goes against our feelings, our desires, or even our very best rational thought. The Bible shows us Jesus and the very nature of God.

People all over the country disagree, sometimes vehemently, sometimes violently, about just about every issue surrounding this year's midterm elections. But there is one thing that nearly everyone would probably agree on, whether ultra-conservative, extreme-liberal, or somewhere in the middle: the past several elections have been a complete debacle.

Christians find themselves wondering how to approach the voting booths this November. Which candidate will best serve my area? Which candidate will best serve the country? Which candidate will inflict the least damage? Exactly how big will the piece of me that dies when I vote for them *be*?

Firstly, we need to remember that as Christians, we are neither Republican nor Democrat. Because God is neither Republican nor Democrat. Our allegiance is not to a party. Our allegiance isn't even the country; it's supposed to be to God. That being the case, we need to see which

candidates most closely align with Biblical and Godly values.

In his book, "How Should Christians Vote?", Tony Evans has some advice that would seem applicable. Take out a piece of paper, and divide it into four columns. In the first column, write down an issue of concern, like immigration, border security, abortion, national debt, gay marriage, religious liberty, and personal integrity, just to name a few. In the next two columns, write down the Democrat and Republican stances on each issue. Finally, in the last column, write down what God says about the issue. Don't just write down what you think, or what you think the Bible says about the issue. You're going to have to do a little research for yourself. Find a Bible verse or two that speaks to the issue, and write them down.

*"You vote for the party, the platform, the candidate, or the policies that closest reflect the values of the Kingdom of God." – Tony Evans.*

Let the Bible guide you, during this election and every day of your life.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Jamie

## **New Basel Church Council Minutes**

**Tuesday September 8th, 2026**

**Called to order:** 7:02 PM by Jennifer Latzke

**Present**

**Elders:**

Lynn Kauffman

**Deacons:**

Judy Barten, Loren Barten, and Jennifer Latzke

**Trustees:**

Drew Snitker and Gary Foltz

**Devotions:** Pastor Jamie opened with prayer and a devotion on the Paralytic Man.

**Approval of July minutes:**

M/S/C to approve the July minutes with the removal of the # of people attending the Church picnic.

**Communications:** None

**Reports:**

**Financial Secretary:** Drew gave the report and noted a refund had been received from the IRS.

**Treasurer:** Judy gave the financial report and said that she and Pastor had gone over the annuities with an Edwards Jones representative.

**Pastors Report: 9/7/26**

**Worship:** preached and or led Sunday worship 5 times and at Homestead Assisted Living & Memory Care.

**Administration meetings:** 1 Church Council meeting, 1 Edward Jones, 1 Education

**Pastoral care:** 4 phone visits, 9 home visits, and 1 office visit

**Other:** 2 CrossTalk Global Apprentice meeting(zoom), 5 CrossTalk Local meetings, 1 Church Picnic, and 1 Volunteer Reading at Rural Center Grade School

**Vacation Days:** this month: 0 YTD:4 **Professional Development Days:** this month:0 YTD: 4 **Mileage:** 67

**Elders Report:** 33 took communion on September 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Deacons Report:** School supplies were purchased on Amazon for Immanuel Mission in Teec Nos Pos, AZ.

**Trustees report:** Drew set a date to clean the wood floors in the sanctuary on September 15th. Handrails have been installed in the sanctuary going up to the pulpit. Gary purchased a new dehumidifier for the basement.

**Old Business:** Fifty-five people attended the Church picnic and enjoyed a change of venue. Harvest Home Sunday will be November 1<sup>st</sup> with the Heart4Hymn group. A covered dish dinner will follow the service in the parish hall.

**New Business:**

It was M/S/C to pay the bills.

Sunday School classes will resume on September 20<sup>th</sup> with all classes on a similar education platform. A fall party will be held on October 24<sup>th</sup> at the Barten's pond and shed.

Judy discussed collecting donations for the DPIL.

It was M/S/C to set up a Crosstalk Missions fund to collect offerings for Pastor's upcoming missions trips to Nepal. The Church will contribute \$2,500 from the Missions fund. Anyone wishing to donate can note this on their check. A special offering will be taken up later. Pastor met via Zoom with 2 of the translators from Nepal. They discussed the recent flooding and shared how each came to be connected with CrossTalk. Pastor passed out some of the study homework and Scripture analyzation that he is preparing.

#### Upcoming Events:

September 25<sup>th</sup>- Echo articles due

October 4<sup>th</sup>- Communion

October 5<sup>th</sup>- Church Council

October 11<sup>th</sup>- Family Night

November 1<sup>st</sup>-Harvest Home

The meeting adjourned by praying in unison the Lord's Prayer.

Jennifer Latzke, for Chris Bethe, Secretary

## rightnow MEDIA

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Prayer Requests

Naoma Foltz  
Judy Lauer  
Kelly Schrader  
Tony Herman

Lynn & Suzie Barten  
Judith Stevenson  
Marcile Park

# OCTOBER INFORMATION

## Birthdays

2<sup>nd</sup> Jessica Murphy  
 8<sup>th</sup> Farah Rothchild  
 10<sup>th</sup> Sterling Bonnema  
 13<sup>th</sup> Ed McAdams  
 14<sup>th</sup> Alyssa Gantenbein  
 15<sup>th</sup> Rita Gantenbein  
 18<sup>th</sup> Blake Murphy  
 21<sup>st</sup> Deb Foltz  
 Ryan Foltz  
 27<sup>th</sup> Sydney Taylor  
 30<sup>th</sup> Scarlett Murphy



## Anniversaries

7<sup>th</sup> Kenny & Janet Chamberlin  
 14<sup>th</sup> Gary & Deb Foltz  
 18<sup>th</sup> Gordon & Sara Hunnicutt

## Upcoming November birthdays

4<sup>th</sup> Kenny Chamberlin  
 9<sup>th</sup> Kari Beetch  
 10<sup>th</sup> Greg Beetch

## Sunday School Fall Party

**Saturday, October 24th**

**Randy and Judy Barten's residence**

**3:30 -5:30 PM** fishing at the pond

**5:30 PM** meal in Randy and Judy's shed.

Christian Ed will provide hot dogs, buns, and drinks. We ask those attending to bring a side dish or dessert, lawn chairs, and fishing gear if interested in fishing!



Harvest Home will be November 1<sup>st</sup>.  
 with the Heart4hymn group. A  
 potluck dinner will follow church in  
 the parish hall.

## Movie Night

October 11<sup>th</sup>

*God's Not Dead – We the People*

## Greeters, Acolytes, & Usher for October

### Greeters:

4<sup>th</sup> Drew & Lindsey Snitker  
 11<sup>th</sup> Larry & Janis Haugh  
 18<sup>th</sup> James & Jennifer Latzke  
 25<sup>th</sup> Brady & Marissa Moddlemog

### Acolytes:

Axie Shrack  
 Farrah Rothchild  
 Janessa Latzke  
 Tinley Moddlemog

Usher: Kevin Smiley

*Thank you to Randy Barten for being the September Usher!*



Our Sunday School classes are once again gathering items to fill shoeboxes for children in need around the world, and we'd love your help! Just like last year, you'll find a tote beside the table behind the sanctuary for your donations. Ideas of donation items can be found at:

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box/>

The youth will fill the boxes during Sunday School on **November 8<sup>th</sup>**. Monetary gifts are also acceptable as they will help to offset the shipping cost of these boxes. Please contact Judy at 785-949-2832 or 785-479-0826 if you have any questions or need more information.

